Medical Colleges in Kerala

4710. SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Medical Council has received any request for the recognition of Pariyaram Medical College at Kannur District in Kerala;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon;

(c) whether the Kerala Government have submitted any complaint against Pariyaram Medical College Management; and

(d) if so, the nature of complaint received and action proposed to be taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) and (b) Permission of the Central Government was given on the 17th July, 1995 under the provisions of Section 10 (A) of the Indian Medical Council Act, 1856 to Academy of Medical Sciences, Pariyaran, Kannur for setting up a medical college. Recognition of medical qualification is considered after the completion of MBBS course of Ist batch.

(c) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Agreements Signed with Foreign Countries

4711. SHRI LALIT ORAON : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the salient features of the agreements/Memoranda of Understanding signed with various countries during the last six months, country-wise; and

(b) whether the Government propose to restart talks on various issues with the neighbouring countries like Pakistan, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka etc?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I.K. GUJRAL) : (a) As per enclosed statement.

(b) Yes, Sir. Except for Pakistan where there has been a deadlock in talks, with all other neighbouring countries Government have an on-going dialogue on all issues, some of which have been given further impetus through high level visits. Our Prime Minister has in his letter of 8th June, 1996, proposed to Pakistan the resumption of Foreign Secretary level talks. Pakistan's reply is awaited. With Bangladesh, Foreign Secretary level visits were exchanged during last two months. I am visiting Dhaka from September 6–9 for further discussions. Sri Lanka's Foreign Minister visited Delhi from June 19–21, 1996.

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S.NO.	COUNTRY	SALIENT FEATURES
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–	Bhutan	**Agreement on Tala Hydro-electric project:** This agreement for setting up Tala Hydroelectric Project was signed on 5.3.96 at New Delhi. The Tala project is a run-of-the-river project on river Wangchu in Bhutan. The project cost is Rs. 1408 crores (Rs. 1891.18 crores as per December, 1995 estimate) and to generate 1020 MW of power. Government would be providing necessary finance in terms of an outright grant of 60% of the project cost and 40% of the cost as a soft loan. All the surplus power from the project is to be purchased by India at rates to be mutually agreed upon at the time of commissioning of this project. **Agreement on Dungsum Cement Project:** This agreement was signed on 5.3.96 for setting up of Dungsum Cement Plant in Bhutan. The cement plant is a dry process plant with capacity of 0.5 million tonnes a year. This is envisaged as a joint venture between Royal Government of Bhutan and an Indian company to be selected. Government would be providing necessary funds as grant for this project estimated at Rs. 300 crores and another Rs. 100 crores for infrastructure facilities at the Indian side. **Exchange of Letters on Standby Credit:** Standby credit facilities of Rs. 25 crores to Bhutan was extended for another three years w.e.f. 1.4.96 through exchange of letters on 22.3.96. Under this facility India makes available the credit of Rs. 25 crores to Bank of Bhutan. This amount of credit is utilised only for making payments within India on account of cheques, drafts or pay orders drawn by Bank of Bhutan.

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		Agreement on Indo-Bhutan Survey Collaboration Project: This agreement was signed on 22.3.96 with an aim to further strengthen the understanding and co-operation in the field of surveying and mapping. The agreement envisages transfer of technology to Bhutan through technical assistance and training of Bhutan's personnel in survey field.
2.	Jamaica	A protocol on Cultural Agreement was signed on 20.3.96 to operationalise the Cultural Agreement signed in 1992 which envisages strengthening of bilateral cultural cooperation.
3.	Peru	A Cultural Exchange Programme was signed on 20.3.96 to define bilateral activities in the field of education and culture.
4.	Mexico	An Agreement on Cooperation on Tounsm was signed on 28.3.96 to promote cooperation in the field of tourism between the two countries.
5.	Central African Republic	An agreement to set up a Joint Commission between India and the Central African Republic was signed on 16.5.96 by the Foreign Minister of CAR and the Indian Ambassador accredited to that country. The agreement is intended to promote and to reinforce economic, political, cultural, scientific, technical and social cooperation between the two countries. The agreement is for a period of five years and renewable.
6.	Mauritius	A Memorandum of Understanding in the area of Civil Aviation was signed on 27.8.96 in New Delhi following discussions between the Civil Aviation authorities of Mauritius and India. It provides that with immediate effect Mauritius would be permitted to operate one weekly air service from Mauritius to Delhi in addition to the existing flights now operating between Mauritius and Bombay. The operation of the Delhi flight will be governed by the joint venture agreement covering the operation of flights from Mauritius to Bombay.
7.	Russia	Agreement on Hot line linking Delhi and Moscow (30.3.96): This agreement provides for establishing a hot line between Prime Minister's residence in Delhi and Kremlin in Moscow. Programme on Cultural, Scientific and Educational Exchange for the years 1996-97 (30.3.96) Outlines specific items providing for Cultural, Scientific and Educational exchanges between India and Russia during 1996-97. Programme on Scientific Cooperation and Scientific Exchange between Indian National Science Academy and Russian Academy of Sciences for the period 1996-2000 (30.3.96). Provides for cooperation in research and exchange of experience between INSA and Russian Academy of Sciences. Memorandum of Understanding for enhanced cooperation in the field of renewable energy between the Ministry of Non Conventional Energy Sources of the Republic of India and the Ministry of Fuel and Energy of the Russian Federation (4.3.96): Provides for expanded cooperation between India and Russia in the field of new and renewable sources of energy.
8.	Slovenia	Protocol on Foreign Office Consultations between the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of India and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Slovenia (August 1996): Envisages regular consultations between the foreign Ministries of India and Slovenia and exchange of views on issues of international and bilateral interest.

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9.	Tunisia	A Cultural Exchange Programme covering bilateral visits, education, seminars and other interaction in the sphere of education and culture for the years 1996-97 and 1998 between India and Tunisia was signed in Tunis on 4 July 1996 by the Tunisian Minister of Culture and Ambassador of India.
10.	Sudan	A Cultural Exchange Programme covering bilateral visits, education, seminars and other interaction in the sphere of education and culture for the years 1996, 1997 and 1998 between India and Sudan was signed in New Delhi on 9 August, 1996 by the Ambassador of Sudan in Delhi and Joint Secretary, Deptt. of Culture.

N.Hs. IN A.P.

4712. SHRI YELLAIAH NANDI : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of roads declared as National Highways in Andhra Pradesh as on date;

(b) the details of major towns connected with each such National Highway;

(c) whether Government are aware that some National Highways in the State have been continuing to be in bad condition for years together; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by the Government to reconstruct such National Highways?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN) : (a) and (b) The State of Andhra Pradesh is served by 7 National Highways viz. NH No. 4, 5,7,9,16,18 and 43, and connect a number of major towns such as Hyderabad city, Vijayawada, Chittor, Kurnool, Nellore, Eluru, Anakacalle, Sooty, Adilabad and Nizamabad.

(c) and (d) Maintenance, repairs and improvements of National Highways is a continuous process. These are carried out regularly to keep the National Highways in traffic-worthy condition within the available funds.

Bus Services in U.P.

4713. SHRI ILIYAS AZMI : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the roadways bus services in rural areas of Uttar Pradesh are scanty;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken/being taken to augment bus services in rural areas of Uttar Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN) : (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha.

Regulation for Post Graduate Education

4714. SHRI MURALIDHAR JENA : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Council of Indian Medicine has prescribed rules for regulating Post Graduate education in Ayurvedic treatment in all Universities having facilities of Indian system of Medicines;

(b if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether these regulations have been implemented in respective universities and Ayurvedic colleges; and

(d) if so, the action taken by Central Council of Indian Medicine in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A copy of Indian Medical Central Council (Post-graduate Education) Amendment Regulation, 1994 is enclosed as Statement.

(c) and (d) The regulations pertaining to Post-graduate education in Ayurveda were circulated to all the Universities, Ayurvedic Colleges, Directorate of Ayurveda in the States and State Governments for implementation of these regulations. Some of the Universities having the faculty of Ayurveda have implemented these regulations in the Ayurvedic colleges where facilities for Post-graduate teaching and practical training are available.

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MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

New Delhi, the 15th July 1995

No. V. 26017/5/90-AE.—In exercise of the powers conferred by clause (i), (j) & (k) of Section 36 of Indian Medicine Central Council Act, 1970 (48 of 1970), the Central Council of Indian Medicine with the previous sanction of the Central Government hereby makes the following amendment in the Indian Medicine Central Council (Post-graduate Education) Regulations, 1979, namely:–

1. These regulations may be called the Indian Medicine Central Council (Post-graduate Education) Amendment Regulations, 1994.